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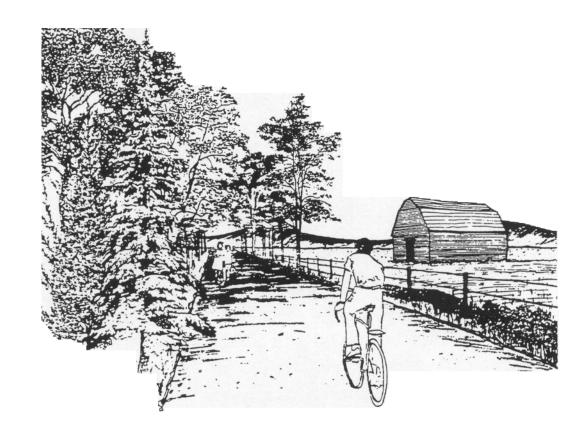












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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM DATABASE PROJECT

Executive Summary

In 1999, the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), working in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), developed a database of State trail projects that had received funding from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) since the RTP's inception as part of, first, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and then the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in 1998. In July 2000, again in cooperation with the FHWA, CRT initiated an update of the database. By late December, reports had been received from 47 States, showing that the number of RTP projects had increased 58% to 3,983 while total RTP funding increased more than 97% to \$103.6 million. In addition, States reported that more than \$112 million in additional funding – a 109% increase over the previous total – had been obtained from other sources, including other Federal agencies, as well as State and local governments and trail groups.

The projects reported were varied, but the leading use of funds, by a substantial margin, was trail construction or development. Eighty-six percent more of the RTP funding – \$22 million – is being spent on trail construction compared to trail maintenance. The types of trails that benefitted from the funding were also quite varied, but with hiking and walking trails leading the way. Approximately two thirds of the reported projects can be clearly identified as benefitting motorized and/or nonmotorized trail uses, with the trend clearly favoring nonmotorized uses.

Although each State is allowed to use up to 5% of its RTP funds for educational programs that promote trail-related safety and environmental protection, only 56 projects have been reported by 23 States.

Background

A Federal assistance program for recreational trail construction, renovation and maintenance was created under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). Under the program, known initially as the National Recreational Trails Funding Program, funds were allocated to all States and the District of Columbia during three of the legislation's initial six years (a total of \$37.5 million) as well as during the transitional period of October 1997 to June 1998.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) amended the program – now known as the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – most notably by significantly increasing funds apportioned to the States (rising to \$50 million annually for years three through six of the legislation) and providing contract authority for the program.

The legislation establishes requirements for project eligibility but provides substantial flexibility to the States on project selection. Presently, there is no unified reporting process from the States to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which administers the program, on use of the funds. It should be noted, however, that most States have substantial, though not uniform, information available to the public on use of RTP funds.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), representing all major national trail interests, has taken an active role in the trail program since its inception and shares FHWA's interest in ensuring that the program is efficient, operating in full compliance with the law, and understood by all interests. CRT regards it as essential that RTP projects can be identified and evaluated

by the Administration, the Congress, and program advocates. The increase in funding for RTP demonstrated the support for trails programs in the Congress, but this support will be sustained only if sufficient accomplishments can be demonstrated. Moreover, FHWA has a need to monitor projects for compliance with statutory direction.

For these reasons, in 1999, CRT worked cooperatively with FHWA and the States to collect initial information on projects funded under RTP since the program's beginning. The data requested included project date, location and description, contact name, amount of RTP funding and other funding, types of trail uses, the Congressional district involved, and project highlights. All the States and the District of Columbia reported information from their Recreational Trails Program, in varying levels of detail. CRT compiled this information into a database, which it has made available to FHWA, trail administrators, and major national trail organizations. A report highlighting key information from the database was prepared and submitted to FHWA. As part of that report, CRT recommended that the data-collection effort be continued.

In July 2000, again in cooperation with FHWA, CRT contacted the States to obtain information on RTP trail projects undertaken since the initial request for data in 1999. As of late December, 47 States had responded, reporting on their newest projects from 1999 and/or 2000. New information has not been received from Arizona, Florida, Ohio, and the District of Columbia because those jurisdictions have not allocated funding in those years. In addition, 16 of the States provided updated information regarding earlier projects. All of the States are paying closer attention to keeping track of the specific project information and are doing a better job of collecting and reporting the information. As CRT finished collecting information at the end of 2000, the value of the RTP database for the Federal and State governments and for trail organizations has been greatly enhanced. CRT's findings from the data collected are presented on the following pages.

Initial Database Findings for 2000

As of December 31, 2000, 47 States had submitted new data regarding their use of Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds. Total trail project funding reported totals \$103,610,502, an increase of \$51,052,505 – or more than 97% – over the total reported last year for the first seven years of the program. The number of projects reported increased 58% from 2,524 to 3,983. In addition, the States reported that even more funding – \$112,045,991 – had been provided by other sources, including Federal agencies like the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, as well as States, towns, counties, and trail clubs like mountain biking groups, equestrian councils, and snowmobiler associations. This total, which does not include data from all program years or all States, represents an increase of \$58,398,735 – 109% – over the amount of other funding reported previously.

Project State	se Projects ar	Number Total	RTP Funding	Other
1 Toject Glate	Projects 1999-2000	Projects	1011 Tunding	Funding
Alabama	38	77	\$2,669,954	\$1,194,265
Alaska	23	79	\$1,009,825	\$952,299
Arizona		5	\$409,382	\$1,281,479
Arkansas	22	66	\$1,794,514	\$1,401,996
California	19	95	\$5,884,905	\$5,173,208
Colorado	16	41	\$2,540,635	\$8,665,899
Connecticut	42	79	\$1,570,469	\$1,165,356
Delaware	7	22	\$1,007,100	\$2,348,365
District of Columbia		1	\$600,000	\$200,000
Florida		39	\$1,262,889	\$1,267,089
Georgia	14	44	\$3,096,815	\$4,357,590
Hawaii	94	187	\$704,049	\$429,442
Idaho	36	100	\$1,645,916	\$5,886,049
Illinois	21	34	\$2,138,522	\$2,627,925
Indiana	8	22	\$1,831,384	\$1,084,734
Iowa	5	25	\$2,087,722	\$1,634,731
Kansas	70	132	\$3,638,819	\$2,402,486
Kentucky	27	59	\$1,122,950	\$1,610,858
Louisiana	24	53	\$1,670,480	\$807,784
Maine	25	109	\$1,671,594	\$1,224,617
Maryland	86	148	\$2,992,340	\$2,912,340
Massachusetts	14	73	\$719,828	\$948,137
Michigan	17	55	\$2,982,601	\$1,611,306
Minnesota	29	83	\$2,305,874	\$5,712,756
Mississippi	23	38	\$2,222,479	\$401,964
Missouri	18	61	\$2,071,060	\$5,269,964
Montana	41	125	\$1,297,021	\$451,244
Nebraska	2	17	\$702,070	\$87,500
Nevada	13	53	\$1,027,586	\$1,137,805
New Hampshire	53	119	\$1,034,080	\$1,179,199
New Jersey	50	176	\$1,885,627	\$2,697,439
New Mexico	14	38	\$1,647,026	\$801,478
New York	35	96	\$2,379,339	\$2,233,955
North Carolina	58	133	\$3,666,364	\$3,985,154
North Dakota	40	69	\$1,669,770	\$492,535
Ohio		33	\$889,555	\$1,055,849

RTP Database Projects and Funding Statistics 1993-2000					
Project State	Number New Projects 1999-2000	Number Total Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
Oklahoma	23	66	\$1,766,226	\$1,757,590	
Oregon	32	113	\$1,766,970	\$2,471,958	
Pennsylvania	73	141	\$4,855,663	\$4,132,158	
Rhode Island	19	35	\$1,047,560	\$3,139,968	
South Carolina	24	88	\$1,340,646	\$707,835	
South Dakota	7	37	\$1,007,457	\$706,245	
Tennessee	21	46	\$2,380,101	\$1,081,697	
Texas	82	194	\$6,573,718	\$5,079,068	
Utah	36	81	\$2,451,295	\$2,388,385	
Vermont	34	186	\$1,592,567	\$4,121,143	
Virginia	22	91	\$2,803,143	\$2,365,854	
Washington	36	70	\$2,917,689	\$3,535,844	
West Virginia	16	52	\$1,297,261	\$514,331	
Wisconsin	27	92	\$1,839,555	\$1,719,613	
Wyoming	29	105	\$2,120,107	\$1,629,505	
TOTAL	1,465	3,983	\$103,610,502	\$112,045,991	

The trail projects reported were varied and included: building new trails and adding trail connections; building restrooms; providing water fountains; developing and implementing educational programs; maintaining trails; resurfacing trail treads; providing accessibility for mobility-impaired persons; and more. The following table represents a categorization of the different projects reported. The percentages shown reflect the percentage of all projects that reported trail project descriptions. The leading use of funds, by a substantial margin, in both the current and previous reports was trail construction or development, followed by bridge construction or renovation. The percentages reported for each category did not change markedly, with the exception of trail maintenance, which nearly tripled in number and almost doubled (from 6% to 11%) its share of projects.

RTP Database Trail Project Work Descriptions Summary Percentage of all projects that reported (3,518) trail project descriptions					
Description of Work Done	Last	Year	1999-2000	Total Re	eported
Trail construction or development	569	35%	542	1,111	32%
Bridge construction or renovation	245	15%	170	415	12%
Trail maintenance	100	6%	298	398	11%
Signs purchase/installation	163	10%	247	410	12%
Trail renovation/relocation	147	9%	182	329	9%
Trail equipment purchased	98	6%	56	154	4%
Trail grooming	84	5%	55	139	4%
Trailhead work	107	7%	90	197	6%
Parking lots	77	5%	80	157	4%
Restroom facilities	31	2%	66	97	3%
Educational	16	1%	40	56	2%
Trail Improvements			288	288	8%
Maps			47	47	1%
Brochures			32	32	1%

A broader definition of trail maintenance was used for the following table, which includes projects reported as renovations, improvements and grooming, as well as maintenance. The 833 projects reported with those descriptions accounted for \$25.7 million in RTP funding and another \$25.7 million in matching funding.

RTP Database Maintenance Projects Funding Summary				
Project State	Number of Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
Alabama	14	\$425,707	\$267,876	
Alaska	33	\$526,527	\$461,414	
Arkansas	4	\$79,922	\$62,522	
California	16	\$1,333,978	\$735,559	
Colorado	2	\$84,384	\$1,920,900	
Connecticut	17	\$189,488	\$72,930	
Delaware	7	\$311,900	\$698,515	
District of Columbia	1	\$600,000	\$200,000	
Florida	7	\$276,000	\$276,000	
Georgia	5	\$305,000	\$126,836	
Hawaii	2	\$704,049	\$429,442	
Idaho	30	\$521,327	\$528,662	
Illinois	11	\$787,485	\$1,381,466	
Indiana	1	\$113,470	\$113,470	
lowa	6	\$666,037	\$41,800	
Kansas	19	\$395,585	\$289,585	
Kentucky	16	\$310,566	\$324,118	
Louisiana	3	\$108,400	\$27,100	
Maine	24	\$584,561	\$334,198	
Maryland	29	\$582,183	\$552,183	
Massachusetts	24	\$272,647	\$285,755	
Michigan	17	\$872,400	\$671,075	
Minnesota	25	\$871,770	\$2,898,512	
Mississippi	3	\$255,500	\$43,000	
Missouri	7	\$118,615	\$116,533	
Montana	37	\$564,070	\$245,079	
Nebraska	1	\$2,608		
Nevada	9	\$129,753	\$122,216	
New Hampshire	45	\$508,472	\$606,076	
New Jersey	17	\$314,980	\$345,687	
New Mexico	8	\$114,400	\$95,900	
New York	15	\$693,184	\$355,255	
North Carolina	22	\$689,749	\$409,246	
North Dakota	18	\$538,685	\$155,916	
Ohio	11	\$130,570	\$18,106	
Oklahoma	6	\$174,900	\$102,129	
Oregon	20	\$393,573	\$271,345	
Pennsylvania	43	\$2,246,331	\$1,725,060	
Rhode Island	11	\$152,830	\$140,830	
South Carolina	10	\$319,353	\$98,724	
South Dakota	15	\$369,354	\$254,531	
Tennessee	6	\$229,487	\$76,122	
Texas	42	\$1,301,536	\$701,397	
Utah	13	\$454,214	\$446,964	

RTP Database Maintenance Projects Funding Summary				
Project State	Number of Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
Vermont	52	\$751,733	\$2,677,061	
Virginia	20	\$628,274	\$329,220	
Washington	24	\$1,738,451	\$1,762,303	
West Virginia	7	\$82,330	\$82,330	
Wisconsin	22	\$569,537	\$565,062	
Wyoming	36	\$1,359,621	\$1,327,998	
TOTAL	833	\$25,755,496	\$25,774,008	

While the quantity of projects incorporating trail construction and trail maintenance is similar (891 to 833), the total amount of funding for trail construction is more than double the amount used for trail maintenance funding. As would be expected, the average per project cost for construction projects is markedly higher than for maintenance projects: \$118,453 vs. \$61,860.

RTP Database Construction and Development Project Funding Summary				
Project State	Number Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
Alabama	41	\$1,936,036	\$899,338	
Alaska	16	\$173,414	\$164,011	
Arizona	4	\$366,382	\$1,281,479	
Arkansas	14	\$743,414	\$611,760	
California	26	\$2,580,264	\$3,395,098	
Colorado	26	\$2,204,384	\$6,490,699	
Connecticut	8	\$289,864	\$886,522	
Delaware	8	\$634,700	\$655,350	
Florida	15	\$672,461	\$674,461	
Georgia	20	\$1,787,987	\$2,985,656	
Hawaii	2	\$704,049	\$429,442	
Idaho	25	\$556,702	\$4,845,735	
Illinois	6	\$912,699	\$1,087,432	
Indiana	18	\$1,657,984	\$739,629	
Iowa	8	\$1,030,012	\$1,587,717	
Kansas	32	\$1,889,163	\$1,469,744	
Kentucky	20	\$569,414	\$692,809	
Louisiana	3	\$869,522	\$217,404	
Maine	6	\$212,477	\$167,027	
Maryland	31	\$1,138,258	\$1,088,258	
Massachusetts	10	\$125,040	\$136,883	
Michigan	16	\$1,075,137	\$250,750	
Minnesota	17	\$938,737	\$1,866,863	
Mississippi	17	\$1,823,455	\$375,864	
Missouri	26	\$1,407,631	\$3,062,708	
Montana	10	\$419,775	\$141,067	
Nebraska	2	\$290,100	\$87,500	
Nevada	15	\$676,321	\$552,327	
New Hampshire	13	\$138,471	\$145,821	
New Jersey	16	\$421,795	\$597,532	
New Mexico	12	\$898,603	\$412,458	
New York	9	\$512,093	\$429,326	
North Carolina	52	\$1,988,090	\$2,703,066	

RTP Database Construction and Development Project Funding Summary				
Project State	Number Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
North Dakota	11	\$807,486	\$270,158	
Ohio	2	\$92,500	\$207,500	
Oklahoma	21	\$827,899	\$673,593	
Oregon	26	\$595,538	\$2,006,167	
Pennsylvania	30	\$1,972,081	\$1,973,140	
Rhode Island	13	\$533,930	\$2,339,338	
South Carolina	36	\$780,208	\$483,808	
South Dakota	10	\$354,143	\$338,443	
Tennessee	15	\$1,147,227	\$376,724	
Texas	55	\$3,495,489	\$2,721,968	
Utah	12	\$931,459	\$875,799	
Vermont	18	\$284,442	\$559,211	
Virginia	35	\$1,600,579	\$1,480,805	
Washington	7	\$733,285	\$1,035,300	
West Virginia	18	\$1,003,422	\$367,789	
Wisconsin	24	\$729,987	\$729,987	
Wyoming	14	\$266,374	\$169,666	
TOTAL	891	\$47,800,483	\$57,741,132	

Trail users on trails that received RTP funding represented every category of trail-related recreation although data on trail use were not reported for all projects. The table that follows displays those categories. Hiking and walking were the dominant trail uses reported for both the 1993-1999 report and the 2000 update.

RTP Database Trail User Category Summary						
Trail User Category	Total thru	% of all	Total Thru	% of 2,497		
	1999	reporting	2000	reporting		
Hiking	625	56%	1,527	61%		
Mountain Biking	474	43%	903	36%		
Walking	427	38%	1,193	48%		
Running	230	21%	653	26%		
Equestrian	307	28%	554	22%		
Cross Country Skiing	298	27%	548	22%		
Snowmobiling	266	24%	460	18%		
Paved Trail Biking	217	19%	498	20%		
All Terrain Vehicle	214	19%	389	16%		
Off Road Motorcycle	163	15%	315	13%		
In-Line Skating			151	6%		
Four-Wheel Driving	88	8%	145	6%		
Snowshoeing	57	5%	166	7%		
Paddling	14	1%	76	3%		

As shown by the following two tables, 2,042 of the reported projects can be clearly identified as benefitting nonmotorized trail uses and 784 as benefitting motorized trail uses. While there is some overlap where projects accommodate both motorized and nonmotorized trail uses, the trend favoring the expenditure of RTP funds for nonmotorized trail uses is very clear. The average per project cost of projects benefitting nonmotorized trail use is also higher than for projects identified as motorized: \$66,182 vs. \$58,902.

RTP Database Nonmotorized Trail Project Funding Summary			
Project State	Number Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding
Alabama	12	\$485,662	\$121,414
Alaska	16	\$199,984	\$105,965
Arizona	4	\$266,781	\$324,080
Arkansas	31	\$1,146,958	\$852,480
California	73	\$4,580,750	\$4,515,444
Colorado	37	\$2,430,635	\$8,469,299
Connecticut	65	\$1,427,095	1,094,233
Delaware	3	\$246,750	\$83,000
District of Columbia	1	\$600,000	\$200,000
Florida	32	\$1,130,849	\$1,134,849
Georgia	42	\$2,953,815	\$4,321,685
Hawaii	69	+ //-	Ŧ /- /
Idaho	74	\$1,214,326	\$5,470,598
Illinois	20	\$1,208,033	\$747,030
Indiana	20	\$1,557,654	\$1,053,914
lowa	23	\$1,856,633	\$1,592,931
Kansas	117	\$3,296,856	\$2,288,629
Kentucky	56	\$1,063,933	\$1,534,858
Louisiana	21	\$855,279	\$213,844
Maine	90	\$1,391,975	\$1,056,889
Maryland	57	\$1,308,486	\$1,308,486
Massachusetts	19	\$136,483	\$174,156
Michigan	44	\$2,374,620	\$940,950
Minnesota	46	\$1,139,503	\$2,470,281
Mississippi	28	\$1,706,355	\$329,464
Missouri	29	\$1,197,408	\$4,085,009
Montana	28	\$211,337	\$75,366
Nebraska	2	\$290,100	\$87,500
Nevada	17	\$474,131	\$375,712
New Hampshire	104	\$769,073	\$1,087,252
New Jersey	153	\$1,478,471	\$2,131,041
New Mexico	13	\$891,839	\$426,536
New York	26	\$936,054	\$652,413
North Carolina	47	\$1,729,576	\$2,808,305
North Dakota	56	\$1,114,619	\$337,093
Ohio	32	\$857,688	\$1,005,849
Oklahoma	32	\$998,697	\$834,084
Oregon	22	\$365,595	\$1,907,756
Pennsylvania	115	\$3,864,318	\$3,321,396
Rhode Island	35	\$1,047,560	\$3,139,968
South Carolina	4	\$1,047,360	\$42,800
South Dakota	2	\$42,800	\$28,700
Tennessee	45		
-	45 87	\$2,306,457 \$3,178,802	\$1,008,053 \$1,657,116
Texas	11	\$3,178,802	\$1,657,116 \$637,351
Utah	5	\$693,011 \$65,601	\$637,351 \$426.850
Vermont		\$65,691 \$1,164,538	\$426,850 \$517,016
Virginia	21	\$1,164,528 \$2,780,670	\$517,916 \$2,350,546
Washington	65 16	\$2,780,679	\$3,350,546
West Virginia	16	\$720,747	\$177,410
Wisconsin	39	\$564,589	\$546,669 \$056,730
Wyoming	36	\$618,846	\$956,729
TOTAL	2,042	\$63,113,231	\$72,029,899

RTP Database Motorized Trail Project Funding Summary			
Project State	Number Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding
Alabama	1	\$40,000	\$10,000
Alaska	12	\$171,560	\$101,779
Arizona	2	\$222,781	\$180,060
Arkansas	6	\$254,926	\$69,800
California	37	\$1,934,947	\$1,299,827
Colorado	4	\$149,184	\$274,529
Connecticut	10	\$35,095	\$10,049
Florida	5	\$99,607	\$99,807
Georgia	12	\$824,987	\$808,315
Hawaii	23	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. ,
Idaho	60	\$1,030,431	\$5,147,904
Illinois	3	\$776,359	\$304,391
Indiana	4	\$407,282	\$116,820
lowa	10	\$968,791	\$41,800
Kansas	8	\$470,666	\$147,018
Kentucky	10	\$213,580	\$125,250
Louisiana	5	\$192,942	\$48,260
Maine	54	\$837,270	\$616,512
Maryland	15	\$393,500	\$363,500
Massachusetts	20	\$310,071	\$190,367
Michigan	20	\$1,393,338	\$1,093,275
Minnesota	39	\$1,037,375	\$1,916,017
Mississippi	6	\$473,500	\$72,500
Missouri	15	\$508,604	\$857,907
Montana	30	\$325,594	\$133,594
Nevada	6	\$93,463	\$77,613
New Hampshire	75	\$748,273	\$814,027
New Jersey	11	\$263,267	\$327,726
New Mexico	2	\$16,405	\$16,405
New York	10	\$404,563	\$226,523
North Carolina	17	\$461,299	\$233,582
North Dakota	13	\$580,151	\$152,942
Ohio	11	\$380,207	\$390,841
Oklahoma	7	\$239,516	\$110,917
Oregon	22	\$315,703	\$113,280
Pennsylvania	55	\$1,608,180	\$1,481,954
Rhode Island	12	\$262,866	\$176,866
South Carolina	1	\$24,000	\$6,000
South Dakota	2	\$98,000	\$42,000
Tennessee	3	\$116,033	\$102,982
Texas	12	\$1,217,114	\$424,971
Utah	14	\$265,911	\$265,911
Vermont	2	\$159,252	Ψ200,011
Virginia	7	\$249,379	\$69,006
Washington	28	\$1,211,497	\$2,103,065
West Virginia	2	\$194,788	\$48,697
Wisconsin	20	\$335,851	\$312,944
Wyoming	41	\$1,079,925	\$1,253,920
TOTAL	784		
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A State is allowed to use up to 5% of its RTP funds for educational programs that promote trail-related safety and environmental protection. Only 56 such programs have been reported by 23 States. Those programs used \$1,036,247 in RTP funds and an additional \$1,016,605 in other funding, bringing the per-program cost to \$36,658. However, if substantial spending on three programs in California is eliminated from those calculations, the per-program cost drops to \$28,715.

RTP Database Education Project Funding Summary				
Project State	Number Projects	RTP Funding	Other Funding	
Alaska	1	\$8,750	\$8,750	
Alabama	1	\$40,275	\$10,068	
California	3	\$302,336	\$228,643	
Connecticut	4	\$41,875	\$63,190	
Idaho	5	\$65,105	\$65,236	
Illinois	2	\$37,823	\$37,824	
Kentucky	1	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Maryland	6	\$61,086	\$61,086	
Massachusetts	2	\$4,800	\$7,740	
Missouri	1	\$3,076	\$14,742	
Montana	2	\$43,000		
Nebraska	1			
Nevada	1	\$12,309	\$275,092	
New Jersey	1	\$8,000	\$3,000	
North Carolina	3	\$33,000	\$10,375	
Oregon	2	\$79,469	\$5,000	
Pennsylvania	3	\$69,800	\$40,475	
Texas	4	\$85,393	\$88,692	
Utah	4	\$59,500	\$59,500	
Vermont	2	\$7,803	\$3,670	
Washington	4	\$26,847	\$18,551	
Wisconsin	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Wyoming	2	\$39,500	\$8,471	
TOTAL	56	\$1,036,247	\$1,016,605	

Conclusion (from FHWA)

The Recreational Trails Program has provided significant funding to the States for all kinds of recreational trails. FHWA will continue to monitor how States use RTP funds to benefit recreational trails.